

Amendments to the Abstract

Please replace the Abstract on page 24 with the following rewritten Abstract:

Improved efficiency in transmission of FGS encoded video data is achieved by reducing the transmission of overhead information items necessary to decode the received video data.

After establishing an initial or first set of criteria for selectively enhancing areas within an image, each subsequent transmission frame includes an indicator that informs a receiving system to decode the current frame using the previously established criteria. ~~In one aspect of the invention, the~~ ~~The~~ initial criteria are include shift factor values specifying selectively enhanced areas of an image; ~~In another aspect of the invention, the~~ criteria include position, displacement vector, size and enhancement factor for at least one area of interest within an image; ~~In still another aspect of the invention, the~~ criteria are and known fixed values contained at both the transmitting and receiving systems.

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